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SECRETARY FOR RESOURCES MIKE CHRISMAN ANNOUNCES \$38 MILLION FOR CALIFORNIA'S RIVER PARKWAYS

First Time Prop 50 Funding to Benefit 37 Proposed River Parkway Projects Statewide

SACRAMENTO – Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman today announced competitive grant awards totaling \$38.5 million to 37 proposed projects for the benefit of California's river parkways. Proposition 50 money, awarded for the first time in this program, will be used by 32 cities, counties and non-profit organizations for the acquisition, restoration, protection and development of areas along rivers, streams and creeks.

"Protecting our watersheds is a primary goal of the Schwarzenegger Administration and of benefit to all Californians," said Secretary Chrisman. "These projects will create or enhance miles of trails for families and communities throughout California, and they'll also restore and protect wildlife habitat for future generations."

In total, the grants will fund more than 60 miles of trail creation or enhancement and more than 3,000 acres of wildlife habitat restoration. Chrisman added, "Working together, we can restore, preserve, and enhance California's natural resources and provide access and recreation for all Californians."

In 2002, California voters passed Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act. The act authorized the Legislature to appropriate funds for the acquisition, restoration, protection and development of river parkways. The California River Parkways Program, a competitive grant program administered by the Office of the Secretary for Resources, awards funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to develop river parkways in their communities.

The grant program was developed with the assistance of a technical review committee consisting of biologists, geomorphologists (geologists who study landforms), ecologists and recreation and public health professionals. The committee reviewed proposed project applications between January and April 2006 and conducted site visits in May, resulting in recommendations to the Secretary for these grant awards.

All proposed projects awarded funding must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Funding for proposed project implementation is contingent upon satisfactory evidence of compliance. The proposed projects, to be approved by the respective lead agency decision makers, may change as a result of the CEQA process. However, any changes to the proposed projects must continue to meet all the objectives of the River Parkways Program and be consistent with the intent cited in the original applications.

A list of the selected proposed projects, contingent upon CEQA compliance, is attached.

For additional information on the grant process, please go to the Resources Agency's Proposition 50 Web site: http://www.resources.ca.gov/bonds_prop50riverparkway.html.

Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection River Parkways
Proposition 50

Grant Awards

American River Conservancy - South Fork American River Parkway Project - \$2,360,000

Anderson, City of - South Volonte Park - \$75,000

Big Sur Land Trust - Moo Land Project: A Segment of the Carmel River Parkway - \$1,925,000

Big Sur Land Trust - Palo Corona Project: A Segment of the Carmel River Parkway - \$1,381,000

East Bay Regional Park District - Delta Discovery Experience at Big Break Regional Shoreline - \$1,495,000

Feather River Recreation - Riverbend Park - \$1,553,000

Friends of Deer Creek - Deer Creek Tribute Trail and Restoration Project - \$912,000

Gilroy, City of - Lions Creek Parkway Trail - \$492,000

Gilroy, City of - Uvas Creek Trail Extension - \$520,000

Humboldt County Public Works - Freshwater Park Access and Channel Improvement Project - \$271,000

Livermore, City of - Livermore to Pleasanton Arroyo Trail Connection Project - \$762,000

Los Angeles, City of - Peck Park Canyon Enhancement Project - \$1,921,000

Malibu, City of - Las Flores Creek Gateway Project - \$925,000

Marin Municipal Water District - Carson Falls Trail Restoration - \$158,000

Mariposa County - Mariposa Creek Parkway Acquisition - \$300,000

Mattole Restoration Council - Upper Mattole River Parkway - \$962,000

Mission Resource Conservation District - San Luis Rey River Trail and Riparian Restoration and Flood Risk Reduction \$1,113,000

Mountain View, City of - Stevens Creek Trail Extension - \$874,000

Napa, City of - Trancas Crossing Park - \$2,369,000

Pinole, City of - Pinole Creek Greenway Demonstration Project - \$2,650,000

Placer County Planning Department - Coon Creek Regional Park Development - \$325,000

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Redding, City of - Sacramento River Parkway at Turtle Bay - \$1,669,000

Redwood Community Action Agency - Mad River Parkway Phase I: Hammond Coastal Trail and Mad River Bluffs - \$1,135,000

River Partners - River Access and Riparian Restoration on the San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge - \$250,000

Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment - Coast to Crest Trail Segment Construction - \$846,000

San Diego County Parks and Recreation - Otay Valley Regional Park Recreation Trail System - \$1,500,000

San Diego River Park Foundation - San Diego River Park, Hanson Property Acquisition - \$1,514,000

San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust - Jensen River Ranch Habitat Enhancement and Public Access Improvement Project - \$808,000

Solano County Water Agency - Winters Putah Creek Park Percolation Dam Removal - \$452,000

Stockton, City of - Stockton River Parkway - \$1,248,000

Tuolumne River Regional Park JPA - Tuolumne River Regional Park Phase 1 - Gateway Parcel Development - \$1,526,000

West Sacramento, City of - Phase IIIA of West Sacramento Riverwalk - \$977,000

Western Shasta Resources Conservation District - Lower Clear Creek Parkway - \$1,114,000

Yolo County - Cache Creek Campground Enhancements - \$76,000

Yolo County - Capay Open Space Park Phase II - \$189,000

Yolo County - Vernon A. Nichols Park - \$106,000

Yreka, City of - Yreka Creek Greenway - \$1,741,000